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Dear Mr. Strawbridge:

REGULATORY UNIT (RU) ACTION IN CONNECTION WITH AUTHORIZATION BASIS AMENDMENT REQUEST ABAR-W375-00-00003

The RU has completed its evaluation of ABAR-W375-00-00003 that was submitted by letter CCN 012669 from A. J. Dobson, "... Submittal of ABAR-W375-00-00003, Rev. 0, "Credit for Facility Worker Evacuation," dated April 12, 2000, and the associated BNFL safety evaluations.

The RU approves the BNFL-proposed changes that are identified in Appendix A to the enclosed Safety Evaluation Report. The RU has determined that an additional change is needed for consistency to Table 1 of Appendix B of the BNFL Safety Requirements Document (SRD). Without such a change, the stated objective of this authorization basis amendment request (ABAR), to allow credit for administrative controls even without engineered controls, would have no effect on the selection of control strategies. Although it has no impact on the approval of the ABAR, the RU disagrees with the BNFL safety evaluation with respect to the ABAR's compliance with applicable laws and regulations; this point is explained in Appendix A.

Nothing in this letter should be construed as changing the Contract (DE-AC27-96RL13308). If you have any questions please contact me or Jeanie Polehn of my staff on (509) 372-0787.

Sincerely,

D. Clark Gibbs, Regulatory Official
Office of Safety Regulation
of the TWRS-P Contractor

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Enclosure:
Safety Evaluation

cc w/encl:
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